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Contribution to nuclear disarmament

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/75 H, 49/75 L and 49/75 P of 15 December 1994,

Noting with satisfaction a number of positive developments in the field of nuclear disarmament, in particular, the entering into force of START 1,

Realizing the vital importance of further nuclear disarmament with the ultimate goals of the complete elimination of nuclear weapons and a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control,

Bearing in mind the results of the 1995 Review and Extension Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, 1/

Noting that the vast majority of States Members of the United Nations are now parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons,

1. Welcomes the accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons of the following States: Algeria, Argentina, Chile, Comoros, Eritrea, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Palau, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates and Vanuatu;

1/ See 1995 Review and Extension Conference Part I of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT/CONF.1995/32 (Part I).

2. Welcomes the accession to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons of Ukraine as a non-nuclear-weapon State, and in this regard acknowledges that this decision as well as those taken by Belarus and Kazakstan contributed to the entry into force of START 1, which is a major landmark in the process of nuclear disarmament;

3. Expresses its satisfaction with the consistent and effective implementation by Belarus, Kazakstan and Ukraine of their obligations under START 1;

4. Also welcomes South Africa for voluntarily giving up its nuclear weapon programme as well as voluntary renunciation of nuclear weapons by Belarus, Kazakstan and Ukraine, and recognizes the significant contribution of those States to nuclear disarmament and the strengthening of regional and global security;

5. Urges, in this context, all States to implement fully their commitments in the field of nuclear disarmament.